

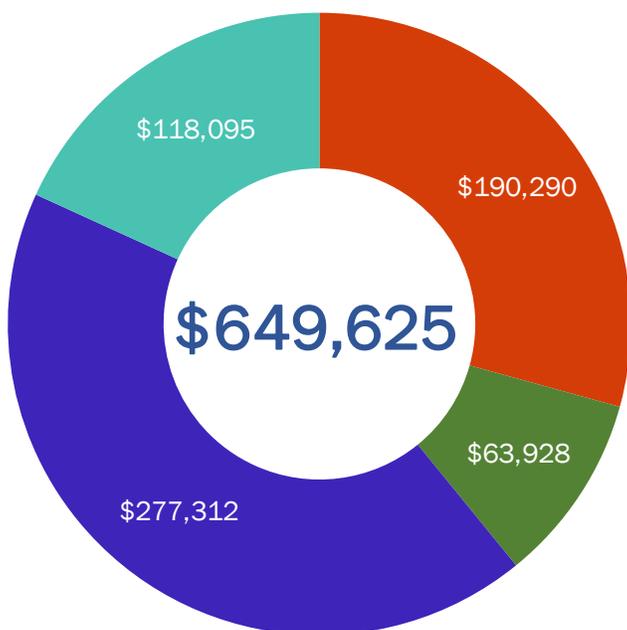
2019 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative WORCESTER

Funded Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Worcester, Worcester Community Action Council, Worcester Police Department, Worcester Youth Center

Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

FUNDING ALLOCATION



2,460 YOUTH SERVED

18%
LOW-RISK*

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

15%
MODERATE-RISK*

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement.

67%
HIGH-RISK*

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for level of risk.

STRATEGIES & OUTCOMES

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



1,938

Participated in Recreation Programs

1,820

Developed Communication & Conflict Resolution Skills

Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention



282

Received Case Management Services

139

Case Management Goals Achieved

Education & Employment



34

Participated in Employment Programs

108

Completed a Subsidized Employment Program

Suppression



313

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits

24

Gang Members and High Impact Players Arrested

Community Mobilization



464

People Attended Events, Meetings, & Presentations

31

Community Events, Meetings, & Presentations Held

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interest, skills, and abilities.

Community Risk Factors

MASSACHUSETTS

6,892,503

10.0%

2.94%

1,007,005

32.8%

1.9%

Total Population
(2018 Estimate)

Population Lives in Poverty

Unemployment Rate

Total School Population
(2018-2019)

Economically Disadvantaged

High School Dropout Rate

WORCESTER

185,877

21.1%

3.47%

28,618

59.7%

2.3%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Worcester

23

Street Gangs

357

Gang Members
Under 25

In 2019, Worcester Police Department's Gang Unit confirmed 23 gangs – including Kilby Street Posse, PVE, and Providence Street Posse – comprising approximately 1350 gang members, of which roughly 26% were under the age of 25. Recruitment of gang members occurred mainly through social media. Gang activity included burglary, drug offenses, human trafficking, weapons offenses, and shootings.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2015-2019

MASSACHUSETTS SIMPLE ASSAULT

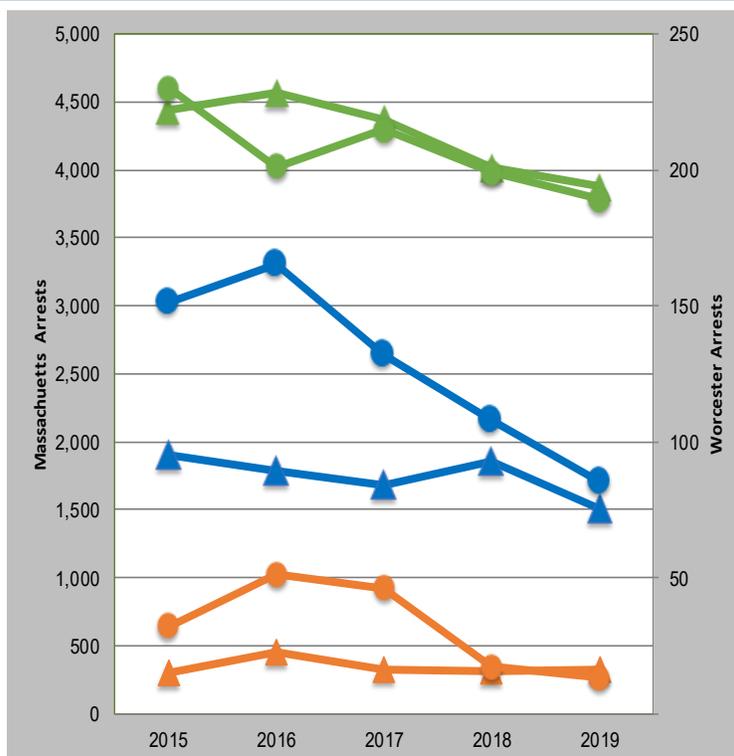
Simple assault arrests declined by 12.7% since 2015 (563 arrests)

MASSACHUSETTS AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 20.6% since 2015 (391 arrests)

MASSACHUSETTS ROBBERY

Robbery arrests increased by 10% since 2015 (30 arrests)



WORCESTER SIMPLE ASSAULT

Simple assault arrests declined by 17.8% since 2015 (41 arrests)

WORCESTER AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated assault arrests declined by 43.7% since 2015 (66 arrests)

WORCESTER ROBBERY

Robbery arrests declined by 59.4% since 2015 (19 arrests)